(figures in '000 tonnes)

Period	Allocation	Supply	Materialization
April-June, 2007	1179.12	1193.47	101.21%
July, 2007	393.04	353.80	90.02%
April-July, 2007	1572.15	1547.27	98.41%

(c) and (d) Coal is a natural resource and occurs in some States only. It is prudent that this resource is shared by consumers in all the States. Thus, coal is equitably allocated to consumers located anywhere in the Indian Union, on the basis of priority, through the mechanism of an Inter-Ministerial Committee called the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-term).

Extension of broadband coverage to schools

1219. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed an Inter-Ministerial Group comprising of various Ministries such as Health, Home, Human Resource Development, Panchayati Raj and IT to discuss for planning the rollout of broadband infrastructure and indicate their requirement in rural areas with support ftom the Universal Services Obligation Fund;

(b) whether Government have set up a target of adding 6.5 million broadband subscribers in 2007, of which 4.5 million are expected to be provided by BSNL; and

(c) whether Government are also planning to extend broadband coverage to all secondary and higher secondary schools by 2007 and public healthcare centres by 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Broadband Policy envisages a target of 9 million broadband connections by 2007. BSNL is expected to contribute for this in a significant manner.

(c) Government has planned to provide broadband connectivity to all secondary and higher secondary schools and public healthcare centers progressively by 2008.

Closure of post offices

1220. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post offices have been closed in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;